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Environmental Document

for

CUY Bunts Rd Rehab PID 120703

Environmental Document Level: C2

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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C2

Project Information

C2 Section

PIDs	120703
Project Sponsor	Lakewood, City of
ODOT District	12
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Osborne Group, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), is proposing to repair and rehabilitate the northbound section of Bunts Road in the City of Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The Project is a 1-mile section of north-south road, connecting Lakewood Heights Boulevard and Detroit Avenue. The project includes, repairing and repaving crosswalks, curbs, sidewalks, and streetlamp, Improving surface drainage and watermain infrastructure, and adding bicycle lanes and additional signage. The Project:

- Will not impact any aquatic resources
- Will impact 0.5 acres of tree canopy-some of which contain SWH all within 100 of EOP
- Will not impact 4f/6f properties
- Will not require any additional right-of-way

Traffic in the northbound lane will be detoured during construction, while the southbound lane will remain open. Construction is anticipated to start in 2026, and will last 2 years.

RMR Screening was approved on 11-3-25 per meeting with Larry Hoffman, OES. No further RMR investigation or plan notes are required.

The environmental document and associated studies are being approved using a state 2 design. A copy of the stage 2 designs is to be included in the project file.

The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP: Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	120703: 26-29 STIP

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

Select the appropriate project type:

(26) Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the



constraints in paragraph I of this section. **Examples include: Joint or limited use of right-of-way where the proposed use would have minimal or no adverse social (including highway safety), economic or environmental impacts; Installation of new noise walls and other new noise mitigation projects; Construction of highway safety and truck escape ramps; Construction of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or facilities and trailhead parking that do not otherwise qualify for a C1 designation; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter installation and replacement, ADA ramps/curb ramps, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves - a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of ROW (exceeds strip takes) b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control i. Floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses (e.g., bridges, wetlands) or actions that facilitate open space use (e.g., recreational trails, bicycle and pedestrian paths) j. Construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) l. Substantial Community Impacts (if a Community Impact Assessment is required, contact OES for guidance). For certification purposes, documentation is required to illustrate no significant impacts will occur to the following environmental resources and that no unusual circumstances exist that would warrant a higher level of NEPA document. Upload all supporting documentation to the project file.

Ecological

Waterways: Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Endangered	10/09/2025
Northern Long-eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Endangered	10/09/2025
Tricolored Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	Proposed Endangered	10/09/2025

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Species of Concern	10/09/2025
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Endangered	10/09/2025
Rufa Red Knot	Calidris canutus rufa	Threatened	10/09/2025

Endangered Species Remarks:



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The project area is not located within a bat buffer area. As a majority of trees that may be cleared do not meet the definition of a PMRT, this project is not likely to adversely affect federally listed endangered species.

Scenic Rivers

**No National Wild and Scenic River
Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed
Project Area**

Scenic Rivers Remarks

The Project Area is on a residential street in Lakewood, OH. No major rivers or waterways are located within the boundaries of the Project Area. Therefore, this project will not significantly impact any State Scenic Rivers.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

**No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)**

Floodplain Remarks

According to the FEMA floodplain map, there are no special floodplains within the boundaries of the Project Area. Coordination with the regional floodplain manager will not be required.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

**Present; No Impacts and/or Access
Restrictions**

Section 4(f) Remarks

All work will occur within the existing right-of-way and no access restrictions will occur to Merls Bunts Park or Lakewood High School Public Recreational area. OES on 10/29/25 determined the project will not impact Section 4(f) or Section 6(f) resources. See 10/29/25 email in Section 4(f)/ Project File/ OES recreational Determination.pdf.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

**Present; No Impacts and/or Access
Restrictions**

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

**Present; No Finding of Adverse
Effect**

Cultural Resources Coordination:

**Minimum Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix B**

**Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date**

07/29/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

The project is limited to the existing right of way. The scope of work is limited to activities that present a minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. Due to the nature of the work, and the degree of disturbance within the area, no archaeological resources will be affected by the project.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:



No comments or objections were received within 30 days.

Environmental Resources Considered

The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

N/A

Noise Remarks

N/A

The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill Authorization:

Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

11/03/2025

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

RMR Screening was approved on 11-3-25 per meeting with Larry Hoffman, OES. No further RMR investigation or plan notes are required.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

Minimum PI Requirements Met; No
Minor Public or Agency Controversy
on Environmental Grounds

Public Involvement Remarks

In addition to being listed on the ODOT STIP, there is a public website that details the rehabilitation of Bunts Road. The project includes a link to the first public meeting about this project, which took place on May 7, 2024 at Lakewood High School. This presentation discussed planned improvements to the public road, as well as a period of time afterwards for public questions and comments. A collection of letters with comments was received regarding this project. For anyone who could not attend, there is a video to watch, and a separate link that allows for public questions until June 9, 2024. The website also displays the conceptual plans for the road maintenance and rehabilitation, as well as proposed alternatives to minimize impacts, and plans on how traffic would be redirected during the construction period.

Environmental Commitments

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No



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Appendix

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Response to Public Comments.pdf